



Pānui o te kura Spotswood #5

School Goal: **Be honest**

Rāapa 26 o Huitāngaru

Pepeha o Te kura Spotswood

Tēnā koutou katoa

Ko Taranaki te mounga

Ko Herekawe te awa

Ko Tokomaru te waka

Ko Te Atiawa te iwi

Ko Ngāti Te Whiti te hapū

Ko Takahere, ko Pukewhero, ko Papawhero,

ko Ngāmotu,

ko Te Maungaroa ngā pā tawhito

Ko Spotswood te kura

No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou,

tēnā koutou katoa

Greetings from our Tumuaki

Tēnā koutou!

The term is racing by. Our school goal this week is: **Be honest**. From time to time we have disagreements between students in the playground and the classroom. Things go wrong. It is always easier if people admit their faults straight away. It saves time and a great deal of angst. We try to encourage our students and staff to own their mistakes. Honesty is always the best policy! Kia pai tō ra!

Mr Fisher

Celebrating the Success of our Students

We had an assembly last week, hosted by our **Pouakai House Leaders**. The following students were awarded Caught Being Good Awards:

**Bodhi (R5), Robert (R6), Gwen (R7),
Freddy (R8), Isla (R9), Harper (R10),
Toby (R11), Enari (R13), Riley (R14)
& Sharvey (R15)**

Well done to everyone. Ka rawe! We are so proud of you!



Happy birthday to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week (February 24 to March 2):

**Kendra (R13), Claysuda (R8), Ezra (R13)
& Kaiya (R15)**

Rā whānau ki a koutou!

House Leader Carwash

Our house leaders are running a carwash and sausage sizzle in the school staff carpark this Saturday 15 March from 8.30 am to 12 pm. This is to fundraise for their trip to NYLD/25, next term. Come along for a bite to eat while you get your car cleaned!



Welcome to New Students

Welcome to the following students and their whānau who started at our kura recently:

Luka (R7), Kuzey (R6) & Elexzis (R15)

Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Spotswood!

Easter Egg Raffle

Our Water Safety Fundraising Committee are holding an Easter raffle. To do this we would appreciate donations of Easter Eggs. These can be dropped off at the Main Office Reception by **Friday 14 March**. A note will be sent home next week, asking who is willing to sell tickets. These will be on sale from Monday 17 March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 9 April. All proceeds will go towards funding future swimming lessons.



Term 1 Calendar 2025

Week 5 (24 – 28 February)

Monday 24 February – Splash n' Dash
Tuesday 25 February – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15
Thursday 27 February – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9
Friday 28 February – Room 13 Assembly

Week 6 (3 – 7 March)

Tuesday 4 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15 & Board Meeting
Thursday 6 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9
Friday 7 March – **Kaitake House Leader Assembly**

Week 7 (10 – 14 March)

Monday 10 March – Taranaki Anniversary Day
Tuesday 11 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15
Thursday 13 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9
Friday 14 March – Room 9 Assembly
Saturday 15 March – NYLD//25 Carwash

Week 8 (17 – 21 March)

Tuesday 18 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15
Wednesday 19 March – Maunga Swimming Sports
Thursday 20 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9
Friday 21 March – **Paritutu House Leader Assembly** & Goal Setting Reports Issued

Week 9 (24 – 28 March)

Tuesday 25 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15 & Weet-Bix Tryathlon & Goal Setting Interviews
Wednesday 26 March – Goal Setting Interviews
Thursday 27 March – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9
Friday 28 March – Room 8 Assembly

Week 10 (31 March – 4 April)

Tuesday 1 April – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15
Thursday 3 April – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9
Friday 4 April – Room 14 Assembly

Week 11 (7 – 11 April)

Tuesday 8 April – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 10 – 15
Thursday 10 April – Swimming Lessons for Rooms 5 – 9
Friday 11 April – Principal's Assembly

Mosaic Youth

Mosaic Youth is a super fun Friday evening youth group for Year 6- 9 students. West Baptist Community Church (over the road) collaborates with a bunch of churches across New Plymouth to put this on, 5-7pm at Henui St church in Strandon. For more info, including on carpooling at 4:45, please contact Andrew Sangster on 021 149 2328 or andrew@westbaptist.org.nz

Goal Setting Interviews

These are on Tuesday 1 April and Wednesday 2 April from 3.20 to 6 pm. Please make bookings for interviews through our school app or click the parent interviews button on our [school website](#). These are our only formal parent/teacher interviews for the year so they are very important for you to attend. Students are encouraged to go to these interviews with their parents.

Calling all Sports Coaches

The Term 2 Sports Season is fast approaching and we need your help with coaching and managing hockey, netball, miniball and basketball. If you are able to coach or manage a sports team please contact Mrs Rice ASAP via email: t.rice@spotswoodprimary.co.nz or phoning the school office: 06 751 1331.

We will be organising teams in the next few weeks and it would be great to accommodate all the students who are wanting to play sport. Thank you.

Attendance

We are all trying hard to improve attendance at our school. Attendance over the last two weeks has been as follows:

Week 1: 91%

Week 2: 91%

Week 3: 88%

Week 4: 89%



We need to keep working at this. Please make sure you phone the school office (06 7511331), text the school mobile (027 211 3489) or use the school app to notify us that your child is away.

Splash n' Dash

We had the Splash n' Dash on Monday. The weather was amazing! Well done to all students who took part. Thank you to our organisers and helpers, especially Miss Barker and Mr Scouller. It was great to have so many supporters there as well.

Interschool Football Coach Needed

We are looking for someone to coach our interschool football team. Games are during Term 2. The students would need to have a practices from the middle of this term. If you are able to help please contact Miss Barker email: j.barker@spotswoodprimary.co.nz or phone: 06 751 1331.